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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/09/1998

To: Cleveland

Attn: SSRA [REDACTED]

From: Cleveland

Painesville RA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] jag

Case ID #: 9A-CV-NEW (Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

STEVEN C. LATOURETTE - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

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Synopsis: To recommend opening of the above captioned case.

Details: Attached hereto and made part of this communication is one copy of a seven page letter addressed to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED].

On October 5, 1998, the writer received the above letter from [REDACTED] for Steven C. LaTourette, United States Congressman. The above letter was sent via certified mail to [REDACTED] from the above captioned subject. The letter alleges

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[REDACTED]
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FBI - CLEVELAND	

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To: Cleveland From: Cleveland
Re: 9A-CV-NEW, 10/09/1998

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On October 7, 1998, the writer conferred with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name:
Race:
Sex:
Height:

[REDACTED]

To: Cleveland From: Cleveland
Re: 9A-CV-NEW, 10/09/1998

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Address:

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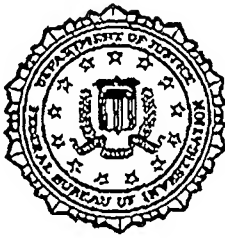


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[REDACTED] is described as follows:

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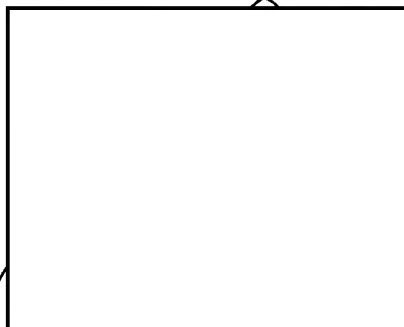
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To: Cleveland From: Cleveland
Re: 9A-CV-NEW, 10/09/1998

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Place of Birth:
Address:

Miscellaneous:



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Universal Case File Number 9A-CV-59110Field Office Acquiring Evidence Cleveland

Serial # of Originating Document _____

Date Received 10-5-98

From _____

(Name of Contributor) for Congressman LaTourette1 VICTORIA PLACE, RM. 320

(Address of Contributor)

Painesville, Ohio

(City and State)

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By SA _____

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ NoReceipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Reference: _____

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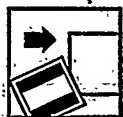
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→ [Redacted] 1st. & flew over to Lat.
Lat did nothing -

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1st.

[Redacted]

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on FL. Now

2nd.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

3rd.
4th.

[Redacted]

WICKLIFFE P.D.

[Complaint] 1986

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Said cannot file P.D. report against

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Misc. questions.

→ Next day told LaTourrette.

“Oh that's nothing, just playing
headgames.”

“What comes around goes around, & I'll
do it.”

LaT. laughed @ him.

→ Went to Cleve. FBI.

Unk. Agent said, he smells a rat
in a woodpile.

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→ Couldn't get atty to handle her
case in Lake City. Scared.

Got one in Clev,

[REDACTED]

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Lat did not respond to [REDACTED] calls
& ltrs.

→ [REDACTED] revisited Lat. & wrote ltrs.

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"Now & days people forge documents
& you can't find who's who."

→ [REDACTED] said Lat. should have taken case

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[REDACTED]

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- Called [redacted]
Then Non-Loop.

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- Everyone @ [redacted] involved w/ this

[redacted]

~~Handwritten scribble~~

→

[redacted]

Atty. for [redacted]

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[redacted]

Tried to make appt. to sit down w/ [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Uncoop.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Called in by Cas. Cnty. Prosecutor for
harassment [redacted]

→ Can't remember name.

No charges; pros. said

This should never have happened.

[redacted]

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did you wrong, but
do not get another atty. you'll
get in trouble.

→ '1996

Complained to Chief of WPD, Mayor, etc.

→ [redacted] was either let go or resigned

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→ A p.o. said there were orders from
Lat to not investigate.

"I'm the boss nobody tells me
what to do."

→ Wrote 2 ltrs. to Steve Lat approve.
Wrote 1 month ago.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/15/98

[redacted]
Ohio, date of birth [redacted] social security account number [redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. He then provided the following information:

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[redacted] was being interviewed regarding a letter sent to [redacted] STEVEN LATOURETTE, United States Congressman, 19th Congressional District, Ohio. [redacted] was interviewed in the presence of [redacted]
[redacted] Lake County Sheriff's Office, Painesville, Ohio.

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Approximately thirteen years ago, [redacted]

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[redacted] first approached Lake County Prosecutor JOHN SHOOP with the above problem. [redacted] explained SHOOP only had six months remaining as the Lake County Prosecutor and [redacted] advised [redacted] to take up this matter with STEVEN LATOURETTE who had just been elected as the new Lake County Prosecutor. [redacted] stated LATOURETTE did nothing and when [redacted] advised he wanted to file a police report, LATOURETTE encouraged him to do so.

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Investigation on 10/09/98 at [redacted] Ohio

File # 9A-CV-59110 Date dictated 10/13/98

by SA [redacted] jag *(signature)*

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Wickliffe Police Department and was advised by [REDACTED] that he could not file a police report against [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The following day, [REDACTED] went to see Lake County Prosecutor STEVEN LATOURETTE and relayed the above story to him. According to [REDACTED] LATOURETTE replied, "Oh that's nothing, they're just playing head games." [REDACTED] then stated to LATOURETTE, "What comes around goes around and I'll do it." [REDACTED] advised LATOURETTE began laughing at this point and left the office.

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[REDACTED] then went to the FBI in Cleveland, Ohio and spoke to an unnamed special agent. This agent said, "He smells a rat in a wood pile." [REDACTED] also brought his complaints to Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Painesville Resident Agency of the FBI. [REDACTED] stated LATOURETTE should have taken the case.

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[REDACTED] was having trouble getting an attorney to handle his complaint in Lake County. [REDACTED] stated this was because the attorneys were scared of STEVE LATOURETTE. Eventually, [REDACTED] obtained an attorney in Cleveland named Mr.

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] now retired. According to [REDACTED] LATOURETTE did not respond to [REDACTED] calls or letters. At this point, [REDACTED] revisited LATOURETTE. LATOURETTE stated, "Now and days, people forge documents and you can't find who's who." After hearing this, [REDACTED] left LATOURETTE's office and began to write letters to LATOURETTE.

[REDACTED] has had several different lawyers to date. They are as follows:

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Sometime after visiting LATOURETTE, [REDACTED] went to

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

In 1996, [REDACTED] lodged complaints with the Chief of the Wickliffe Police Department, the mayor of Wickliffe, and other public officials in Wickliffe, Ohio. While lodging these complaints, [REDACTED] advised he spoke with a Wickliffe Police Officer that advised [REDACTED] there were direct orders from STEVE LATOURETTE not to investigate the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised the officer then told him LATOURETTE had said, "I'm the boss and nobody tells me what to do."

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Approximately one month ago, [REDACTED] wrote two letters to Congressman LATOURETTE requesting assistance with the problem he was experiencing with [REDACTED]. After writing the above letters, [REDACTED] went to LATOURETTE's office to again request assistance from LATOURETTE. After getting what he considered to be "no help" from LATOURETTE, [REDACTED] wrote a letter to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

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By writing the above letter to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] did not mean to frighten [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was advised not to write any further letters to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was further advised to not write any further letters to Congressman LATOURETTE. The writer advised [REDACTED] his dispute was of a civil nature and should be handled by a lawyer within the civil courts. [REDACTED] was also advised that further letters may result in harassment charges being filed against [REDACTED] by the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

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To: Washington Field

From: Cleveland

Painesville RA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]: jag

Case ID #: ✓ 9A-CV-59110 (Closed)-5

Title: [REDACTED]

STEVEN C. LATOURETTE - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Synopsis: To provide WFO with information concerning a potentially threatening [REDACTED]

Enclosures: For WFO, two copies of an FD-302 regarding the interview of [REDACTED] and a copy of the letter [REDACTED]

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To: ?? From: Cleveland
Re: 9A-CV-59110, 10/20/1998

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Eyes:
Hair:
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Account Number:
Place of Birth:
Address:

Miscellaneous:

[Redacted]

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On October 9, 1998, the writer interviewed [Redacted]

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[Redacted] two detectives at the Wickliffe Police Department in Wickliffe, Ohio approximately thirteen years earlier. [Redacted] further alleged Steven LaTourette did nothing to help him and issued direct orders to the Wickliffe Police Department that [Redacted] matter not be investigated. [Redacted] also spoke to the FBI and LCSO and claims the individuals he spoke to told him that LaTourette should have "taken the case", and that [Redacted] should not retain legal counsel or "he would get in trouble." [Redacted] wrote the above referenced letter [Redacted]

[Redacted]

After speaking to [Redacted], the writer interviewed [Redacted]

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Wickliffe Police Department approximately fourteen years earlier. After arriving at the police department, [Redacted] was told he could not file a complaint against [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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To: ?? From: Cleveland
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the civil courts. [] was also advised that further letters may result in harassment charges being filed against [] by the LCSO. [] agreed to not send any further letters to [] and stated he did not mean to frighten [] [] by writing the above referenced letter.

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In light of the foregoing, this case is being closed.

To: ?? From: Cleveland
Re: 9A-CV-59110, 10/20/1998

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

Provide to United States Capital Police if deemed appropriate.

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U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
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3005 Federal Office Bldg
Cleveland, OH 44199
October 23, 1998

Honorable Emily M. Sweeney
United States Attorney
Northern District of Ohio
1800 Bank One Center
600 Superior Avenue, East
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2600

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Attention: Assistant United States Attorney
Gary Arbezniak

RE: [REDACTED]
EXTORTION

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

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This letter is to confirm the October 7, 1998 conversation between Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED], Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Cleveland, and Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Gary Arbezniak regarding the above referenced investigation. This matter involves information received by this office on October 5, 1998 from [REDACTED], [REDACTED] for Steven C. LaTourette, United States Congressman in Painesville, Ohio. [REDACTED] had written and sent a letter via certified mail to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Police Officer and he was not permitted to file a police report, and Lake County Prosecutor Steven LaTourette "made sure of that."

[REDACTED] was identified as a white male, date of birth [REDACTED], social security account number [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED] Ohio.

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FBI investigation disclosed that [REDACTED] did in fact write and send a letter [REDACTED]

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- ② - Cleveland (9A-CV-59110)
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above referenced letter to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was advised not to write any further letters to Steven or [REDACTED] agreed to the above conditions and stated he did not mean to frighten the [REDACTED] by writing the above referenced letter.

As a result of the above information, AUSA Arbezniuk advised that the contents of the letter sent to [REDACTED] did not rise to the level of a threat and lacked sufficient evidence per Title 18, Section 875 of the United States Code. In view of this, AUSA Arbezniuk was declining prosecution in this matter.

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Very truly yours,

VAN A. HARP
Special Agent in Charge

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By:

[REDACTED]
Supervisory Senior
Resident Agent



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 197-0

3005 Federal Office Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44199
June 18, 2001

[REDACTED]
OFFICE OF STATE REP. RON YOUNG
Riffe Center
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Pursuant to your written request, we have reviewed our records for information regarding [REDACTED] in the matter you referenced.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on October 9, 1998, concerning a letter he had sent to [REDACTED] Steven Latourette, Congressman, 19th District. [REDACTED] claimed that thirteen years previous to this he had been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who suggested he take up the matter with the new Prosecutor, Steven Latourette, when he took office. He later contacted Prosecutor Latourette, who took no action but did encourage him to make a police report.

[REDACTED] claimed that in 1986 [REDACTED] Department detectives questioned him [REDACTED] and refused to allow them to file a report against [REDACTED] also alleges other abuses such as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described this event to Prosecutor Latourette without results and then went to the FBI, where an Agent allegedly told [REDACTED] that Latourette should have taken the case. [REDACTED] obtained legal counsel and has had a series of lawyers over the years and Prosecutor Latourette did not

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respond to their inquiries. After writing to the attorney for [redacted] without response, [redacted] was contacted by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office and told that no charges would be filed, as they were unsubstantiated. In 1994, [redacted]

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In 1996, [redacted] lodged complaints with various public officials in Wickliffe, Ohio. In approximately September 1998, [redacted] wrote letters to now-Congressman Latourette without results. [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised he had no intention of frightening [redacted] and agreed not to write any further letters to the Congressman or [redacted]

On the same date of interview, [redacted] [redacted], was interviewed and advised that he recalled going to the Wickliffe Police Department [redacted]

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I hope this summary provides you with sufficient material for your investigation.

Sincerely,

Van A. Harp
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]
Special Agent
Chief Division Counsel

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I recently had a conversation with agent [REDACTED] regarding an old case he worked on several years ago, the antagonist of which was one [REDACTED] of Lake County, Ohio.

During our conversation I requested the official documentation of Agent [REDACTED] communications with [REDACTED]. Agent [REDACTED] was willing to send the information pending a check with the Agency's legal department. Agent [REDACTED] then told me I needed to contact you in an official capacity to request any such records.

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It is for this purpose I am writing to you. In order to conduct and close my cursory investigation into this matter and quickly put it behind me, I need to access the records of communications, be they incident reports, etc. I feel confident that the contents of the paperwork will show that none of the allegations made by [REDACTED] hold water and as such, will allow me to discard the case and move on to more important work.

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I understand that due to the time frame of when this encounter took place it may be difficult to produce the paperwork. I appreciate your efforts in finding it for me and assure you I will be patient in my request so as not to place an undo burden on your agency employees. Agent [REDACTED] has been more than helpful and I apologize for having to occupy his and your time with this trivial matter.

Thank you for your cooperation,

[REDACTED]

Office of State Rep. Ron Young

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